No Parking Zone – Birchmount Road between St. Clair Avenue East and Danforth Avenue

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To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards: Ward 35 – Scarborough Southwest
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SUMMARY

This report responds to a request to restore less restrictive parking regulations on Birchmount Road between St. Clair Avenue East and Danforth Avenue due to the removal of previously designated bicycle lanes.

It is recommended that a No Parking Zone from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday be installed on both sides of Birchmount Road between St. Clair Avenue East and Danforth Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the stopping and parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.

2. City Council enact the parking regulation, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.
Financial Impact
The financial cost of removing the existing no stopping signs and installing the subject parking prohibition signs is approximately $3,000.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Further to requests from Councillor Michelle Berardinetti and Councillor Gary Crawford, Transportation Services staff have reviewed the stopping regulations on Birchmount Road due to the removal of the previously designated bicycle lanes with a view to restoring less restrictive parking regulations. The previous installation of bicycle lanes required a No Stopping regulation on both sides of Birchmount Road to effectively accommodate bicycle traffic. The bicycle lanes have now been removed for several years; therefore, the stopping prohibition is no longer required. Transportation Services staff in consultation with Councillor Berardinetti, Councillor Crawford and Toronto Police Service, Parking Enforcement East, recommend the installation of temporal parking prohibitions during peak weekday periods only in order to provide area residents with some occasional on-street parking during off-peak times and weekends.

COMMENTS
Several characteristics describe Birchmount Road:

- It is a north/south minor arterial road located east of Warden Avenue and west of Kennedy Road with a four-lane cross-section.
- A No Stopping Anytime regulation is currently in effect on both sides of Birchmount Road from a point 65 metres south of St. Clair Avenue East to Danforth Avenue.
- The land uses on this section of Birchmount Road are primarily residential with some retail commercial and industrial buildings.

We anticipate that the proposed No Parking Zone from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday on both sides of Birchmount Road between St. Clair Avenue East and Danforth Avenue will enhance the neighbourhood on-street parking environment for the area residents while maintaining traffic flow during peak traffic periods. There is also a minor house-keeping item to rescind an unnecessary legacy parking restriction along the east side of Birchmount Road south of Danforth Road.
In addition, Transportation Services will install standard No Standing Zone signage at all TTC stops and No Stopping Zone signage on the bridge structure between Raleigh Avenue and Highview Avenue, coincident with the installation of the subject parking regulations on this section of Birchmount Road.

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ATTACHMENTS
1. Appendix 1 - By-law Amendment (Rescind)
2. Appendix 2 - By-law Amendment (Enact)
3 Location Plan (No Parking Zone – Birchmount Road between St. Clair Avenue East and Danforth Avenue)
Appendix 1

“No Parking”
Regulation to be Rescinded

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Birchmount Road East Danforth Avenue and Danforth Road 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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“No Parking”
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